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## **BY HAND DELIVERY**

Hon. Laura T. Swain United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 755 New York, New York 10007



Re: Lydian Private Bank, d/b/a VirtualBank v. Steven M. Leff,

Richard A. Leff, Rachel M. Leff, and National Settlement Agency, Inc.

07-CIV-8173 (LTS)

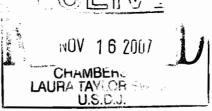
Dear Judge Swain:

We represent plaintiff Lydian Private Bank, d/b/a VirtualBank ("Lydian"). We write to request on behalf of Lydian and defendant Richard A. Leff ("Richard Leff") a brief extension of those parties' time to submit the Preliminary Pretrial Statement to the Court.

Lydian and Richard Leff are the only parties actively litigating this matter. Defendants NSA and Steven M. Leff have defaulted; Lydian's motion for a default judgment against them will be submitted next week. This week, defendant Rachel M. Leff filed for bankruptcy in the Eastern District of New York.

Your Honor's Initial Conference Order dated September 21, 2007 scheduled a conference for November 30 and provided for the Preliminary Pretrial Statement be submitted a week before that date, which is November 23. While I and Jonathan Bruno, counsel for Richard Leff, have conferred as required by the Initial Conference Order, our progress on the Preliminary Pretrial Statement has been impeded to some extent by recent developments involving parties other than our clients. In addition, this year November 23 is the Friday after Thanksgiving, which poses logistical problems for both of us.

Accordingly, Lydian and Richard Leff respectfully request two additional business days, to November 27, 2007, to submit the Preliminary Pretrial Statement.



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We appreciate the Court's attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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The request is granted.

SO ORDERED.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE